

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 16.21-26
FEBRUARY 12, 2020

INTRODUCTION:

1. **MATTHEW 16.24:** *“Whoever desires to come after Me...”*
 - a) What does it take to be a follower of Jesus? (Luke 14.26-33)
 - b) Are you a fair-weather follower?
2. Matthew 16.21-26 is a passage that shows us what it takes to be a true disciple.

I. PREDICTION

- A. **MATTHEW 16.21:** *“From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples...”*
 1. Jesus appeals to the Scriptures. (Luke 18.31-34; 24.44-48)
 2. The Old Testament Scriptures witnessed to Jesus. (John 5.39)
 3. Paul used the Old Testament to prove Jesus was the Christ. (1 Cor. 15.1-4)
- B. What did Jesus predict?
 1. He predicted that He would *“suffer many things.”* (Matt. 16.21)
 - a) His suffering was a key element of the coming Messiah. (Isa. 53.3-6)
 - b) His suffering was a key part of the sermons in Acts. (Acts 2.23,36; 3.14,15)
 2. He predicted that His suffering would come from *“the elders and chief priests and scribes”* This is a group collectively known as the Sanhedrin.
 - a) The chief priests were second only to the High Priest. (Acts 9.1,2,13,14)
 - b) **MARK 8.31:** *“rejected”* Literally, tested and then cast away as a fraud.
 3. He predicted that He would be *“killed, and be raised the third day.”* (Matt. 16.21)

II. CORRECTION

- A. **MATTHEW 16.22:** *“Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him”*
 1. Rebuke is in the verb form that suggests ongoing action. He kept on rebuking Him.
 2. **MATTHEW 16.22:** *“Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!”*
- B. **MATTHEW 16.23:** *“But He turned and said to Peter”*
 1. **MARK 8.33:** *“But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter”* Rebuke is in the verb form suggesting once for all time.
 2. **MATTHEW 16.22:** *“Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”*
 - a) *“Get behind Me”* in our vernacular would be “Back off!”
 - b) *“Satan”* Literally, Adversary. “Back off, Adversary.”

III. APPLICATION

- A. **MATTHEW 16.24:** *“Then Jesus said to His disciples”*
 1. After this intense situation, Jesus gathered everyone to Him. (Mark 8.34; Luke 9.23)
 2. **MATTHEW 16.24:** *“If anyone desires”*
 - a) *“Desire”* Not epithumeo, but theol. Literally, “intention, decision.”
 - b) This is applied to everyone who was there and everyone today. “Anyone”
 3. **MATTHEW 16.24:** *“to come after Me”* What are your aspirations?
- B. There are three things we must do to be followers of Jesus.
 1. **MATTHEW 16.24:** *“Let him deny himself.”* Say no to what you want.
 2. **MATTHEW 16.24:** *“take up his cross”* Be willing to die for Christ. (Rev. 2.10)
 3. **MATTHEW 16.24:** *“and follow Me.”* Ongoing action. Keep on following Him.